

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for operating in parallel a plurality of non-break power units inserted separately between a bypass power source and a plurality of input power sources on one hand and a parallel bus on the other hand,
  - each of said non-break power units comprising:
    - an inverter inserted between said input power source and said parallel bus; and
    - an AC switch inserted between said bypass power source and said parallel bus;
  - each of said non-break power units having:
    - an inverter power supply mode in which power supply is performed from said input power source to said parallel bus by way of said inverter with said AC switch being opened; and
    - a bypass power supply mode in which when operation of said inverter stops, said AC switch is closed to thereby enable the AC power to be supplied straightforwardly to said parallel bus from said bypass power source by way of said AC switch,
  - wherein each of said non-break power units further comprises:
    - a sequence control circuit for generating an output signal corresponding to an inverter power supply signal;
    - a switching element for outputting said inverter power supply signal on the basis of the output signal of said sequence control circuit; and
    - a switch driving circuit for generating a driving signal for said AC switch in response to said inverter power supply signal,
  - wherein output terminals of said switching elements incorporated in said plurality of non-break power units, respectively, are connected in parallel with one another, and
  - wherein said switch driving circuit incorporated in each of said non-break power units is so designed as to generate the driving signal to the associated AC switch on the basis of a composite signal generated by synthesizing the inverter power supply signals in said individual non-break power units.

2. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 1,

wherein the output terminals of said switching elements incorporated in said individual non-break power units are connected in parallel with one another in a loop-like form.

3. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 1,

wherein each of said non-break power units further comprises:

a switch inserted on the output side of said non-break power unit, and

an auxiliary contact of said switch inserted on the input terminal side of said switching element of said non-break power unit,

wherein said switching element is so designed as to output said inverter power supply signal by additionally taking into account a state signal of said switch of the non-break power unit to which said switching element belongs as condition for enabling said inverter power supply signal to be outputted.

4. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 3,

wherein said switch driving circuit of each of said non-break power units is so designed as to output a driving signal for said AC switch by additionally taking into account the state signal of the switch of the non-break power unit to which said switch driving circuit belongs as condition for enabling said driving signal to be outputted.

5. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 1,

wherein each of said non-break power units further comprises an inverter power supply state detecting circuit inserted between the output terminal of said switching element and said switch driving circuit,

said inverter power supply state detecting circuit being

comprised of:

a photo-coupler connected to the output terminal of said switching element, and

a diode connected in series to said photo-coupler, wherein the composite signal derived from synthesization of the inverter power supply signals is detected by said photo-coupler and said diode.

6. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 1,

each of said non-break power units further comprising a synchronous/asynchronous state detecting circuit for detecting a synchronous/asynchronous state between the output voltage of said inverter and that of said bypass power source to thereby output a synchronous state signal,

wherein said switch driving circuit is so designed as to output a driving signal for said AC switch by additionally taking into account the synchronous state signal in the non-break power unit to which said switch driving circuit belongs as condition for enabling said driving signal to be outputted.

7. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 6,

said synchronous state signal containing an asynchronism signal indicating an asynchronous state between the output voltage of said inverter and the voltage of said bypass power source,

wherein the output terminal of said asynchronism signal is connected in parallel to the output terminal for the asynchronism signal of the other non-break power unit.

8. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 6,

said synchronous state signal containing a synchronism signal indicating a synchronous state between the output voltage of said inverter and the voltage of said bypass power source,

wherein the output terminal of said synchronism signal is connected in parallel to the output terminal for the synchronism

signal of the other non-break power unit.

9. A non-break power unit parallel operating system according to claim 6,

each of said non-break power units further comprising:  
a delay circuit for delaying the output signal of said sequence control circuit for a predetermined time;

an AND circuit for determining a logical product of said synchronous state signal and the output signal of said delay circuit; and

an OR circuit for determining a logical sum of the output signal of said AND circuit and the output signal of said sequence control circuit, wherein a logical sum signal outputted from said OR circuit is inputted to said switching element.